

New law creates the West Florida Republic Commission.

New law provides that the commission be comprised of 12 members: eight members appointed from the represented parishes by the parish governing authorities; one member shall be the director of the La. State Archives; one member each shall be appointed by the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the director of the Center for Southeast La. Studies at SLU.

New law allows the board to adopt rules for its organization and daily business.

New law provides that the members of the board shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for actual expenses.

New law provides that the commission shall:

- (1) Plan and develop activities to commemorate the bicentennial of the West Florida Revolt and the establishment of the West Florida Republic.
- (2) Encourage private organizations and local governments to organize and participate in bicentennial activities.
- (3) Collect and disseminate information about the bicentennial.
- (4) Encourage the development of celebrations, special events, and traveling exhibits related to the West Florida Revolt and the establishment of the West Florida Republic.
- (5) Encourage literary and artistic endeavors and endeavors which promote tourism related to the history and identity of the Florida Parishes.
- (6) Seek cooperation, advice, and assistance from other agencies and organizations, both private and public.

New law provides that the commission may accept and dispose of private and public funds.

New law provides that the state and its political subdivisions shall cooperate with the commission in carrying out its purpose.

New law provides that the commission shall terminate on Sept. 23, 2011.

Effective upon signature of governor (June 16, 2009).

(Adds R.S. 25:571-576 and R.S. 36:209(AA))